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31st January 2002

Compiled By & For The Residents

Editor's Comments

Welcome to the New Year, as some may have noticed, I have now had my operations and I am almost back to normal, whatever that is.

Yes this months Newsletter was testing but also good therapy. I'm glad to see the newsletter back to a decent size, keep up the good work folks. I actually had some letters this month, and I thought you didn't care, it's certainly refreshing to get some interesting comments. There's some great stuff coming up for the younger people and even a challenge for the more mature of us, (so they say) be good for Rye Harbour if we could rise to it. (See page 5)

Once again I must thank everyone who's supported us this month, especially Karen yet again, without whose help the newsletter may not have happened.

I still seem to be having a trouble getting any response from Rye Harbour Sailing Club, whose last comment from a member of the hierarchy was, and I quote, " Well we don't really have anything to do with Rye Harbour." Perhaps someone might enlighten them or perhaps me, one of life's little mysteries I suppose.

Needless to say there are lots of new ideas, now being injected into Rye Harbour, not just for the young but for the more senior among us, as

COME SWIMMING



**Young People Between 11 & 16
Years Of Age**

Please read all of page 9

well. Thanks goes to all those that have made this difference and please continue to do so. I'm sure those people know who I mean without mentioning them. Thank You.

Anyway have an excellent New Year, next months copy date is Friday 22nd with the publication date being Thursday 28th February, keep sending it in. Finally we welcome a report next month from Steve Clare, Chairman of the Oyster Creek & Lucas Shadwell Way Residents Association in Rye Harbour.

Special Features

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Fund Raising

Vanessa's Sponsored Diet

To all my sponsors and future sponsors, the diet is well underway although Christmas was tough, but I am now going on daily walks down to the beach and back, regular 15 minutes exercises daily, I have cut down my meal size and stopped snacking between meals.

I have now obtained between £ 200.00 to £ 250.00 in sponsorship and am still looking for lots more, as all proceeds are going to Rye Harbour Youth Action Group so please call me and pledge your money to a good cause. You can call me, Vanessa on 229859 or

alternatively pop round and see me at 1 Lucas Shadwell Way. I will give you another update next month with a current weight ticket from Boots, thank you for all your support.

Vanessa

The Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for the Rye area this year raised the sum of £ 4,400.33p for which the local branch thanks all who contributed from Rye Harbour.

In Rye Harbour the boxes were as follows:- Frenchman's Beach £ 1.8 Ip , Inkerman Arms £ 4.33p and William The Conqueror £12.85p.

If any of our readers are looking for a venue in Rye either to meet friends, or relax after shopping, work or business, why not consider joining The Royal

British Legion Club in Landgate? You don't have to be ex-service men or women; in fact the majority of members are not.

The benefit of membership includes access to any RBL Club in the country plus many others, such as United Services or RAFA.

If interested please call in to the club any day except Tuesday or phone 01797 222504. A welcome awaits you and, Paul until Christmas serving at the Inkerman is to be the Legions new steward.

Quiz Night

The Quiz Nite was a great success, raising a staggering £132 towards the Golden Jubilee. 7 teams entered, the winners were "Pam's People", scoring 92 points taking home a bottle of bubbly each while the Herrings Heads" were

bringing up the rear with 50 and a half points taking home the wooden spoons. For the benefit of a certain individual connected with the Lifeboat, the name of the current lifeboat is "Commander and Mrs Rodney Wells". We would like to thank all

those who supported us. Keep your eyes open for the next quiz nite.

Ann Newman, Steve Tollett & Steve Rogers
For and on behalf of Rye Harbour Village Hall Management Committee

Parish Council Notebook

At the monthly parish council meeting held on the 21st January. The council were informed that a decision on the future of the mobile library service has been delayed for a year pending further investigation into ways and means of continuing the service. We do urge our readers to make use of the service as it is only lightly supported in Rye Harbour compared with elsewhere. The completion of the shop is now complete and the property will be owned by Rye Partners who in turn, propose to lease to owners of a group of forecourt shops, who have been speaking to Norman Gill the former owner whom many will remember with affection.

The council as trustees of the flagstaff have had a letter from the Environment Agency reminding them that the initial three year lease will run out shortly.

Thanks to Shaun Downey and others the flag is kept flying on special events and funds are available for the new lease.

So with thanks we can say:

"Keep the old flag flying
And the old trade plying"

Bearing in mind the increasing maritime trade at the Wharf and the very fine flagstaff we have.

Keep the old trade plying
And the old flag flying
And we'll drum em up the channel
As we drummed em long ago

Drakes Drum By Sir Henry Newbolt

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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report



The winter months are often a rather quiet time for birds on the nature reserve. Although large numbers of ducks and coots are present on the pits there is often little change in what birds are present from one day to the next. This all changes however when a freeze up occurs, as happened on the night of new year's eve when the temperature plummeted to -7 C. On new year's day the gravel pits were largely frozen over, so impressive concentrations of ducks were squashed on to the remaining ice free areas.

In the first few days of the year a record number of Shoveler (over 300) and Gadwall (203) were present, both in nationally important numbers, along with up to 950 Wigeon at Castle Water. The freeze also resulted in some of December's birds moving on, such as the Slavonian Grebe and Black-necked Grebe on Long Pit.

December also produced up to six Red-throated Divers on the pits. These are normally present offshore, but birds are occasionally forced in to sheltered waters when their plumage is contaminated by oil from boats offshore, as was the case with these birds. More recently there have been up to 700 Red-throated Divers offshore - an unprecedented number for Sussex. Also in record numbers have been Mute Swans. They spend the day time feeding on Brede Levels but it is their arrival at Castle Water every evening that provides

the spectacle - up to 141 have been counted. Castle Water is also the place to



see Smew, with at least ten present recently.

This is a very uncommon duck in Britain, occurring only during the winter months. and the drakes are perhaps the most striking of all our wildfowl.

At least three Bitterns are also present there and the Little Egret flock is still coming to roost every evening, with up to 17 seen recently.

Forthcoming events - open to all. No charge, but donations towards the nature reserve welcomed.

Sun 3 Feb - A Birdwatching Ramble around Northpoint Pit and Camber. A walk around the gravel pits and estuary to look for winter birds. Meet in the layby along the Rye to Camber road at TQ936202, 10am-2pm.

Sat 16 Feb - Dinosaurs in Sussex - an illustrated talk by John Cooper of the Booth Museum. 2.30 pm at Winchelsea Beach Community Hall.

Warden Paul Troake

The Rye Partnership News

"The Rye Partnership are pleased to announce that the Rye Harbour Stores will soon be open for business again.

Contracts have been exchanged on the property and we are hoping the shop will be open by Easter".

Shirley Severin (Regeneration Unit)



Harbour Master's Comments

Christmas is over and the new year has begun, with neap tides the vessel "Arklow Marsh" carrying 2075 tons of cargo from North Wales arrived on Christmas day eve for Rye Wharf but because of the lack of water could not berth until the following Sunday. The vessel anchored off Cliff End awaiting the tide. You may have seen her and wondered what on earth she was doing there.

Our seal is now established and is often seen off the lifeboat station at high water. I believe it is becoming used to people as she remains above the water or on the slipway while people pass within 30 metres or so. I am surprised that it does not get caught in the nets off the harbour. Fishing must be good in the river.

Two fishing vessels have lost their propellers over the last month with one requiring the assistance of the lifeboat. No obvious reason can be found for the loss of this vital equipment and you can imagine the concerns of the boat owner when caught at sea with no propulsion unit.

The vessel "Toad" stolen late in December from Sea Cruisers boat yard has been found in Calais! I got a phone call on Sunday 6 January from a berth operator who reported the vessel on his moorings in rather sad condition. It appears the boat was stolen by a German national and sailed to France. The owner was informed and now has the problem of returning this 23ft boat back to Rye. Sharp-eyed walkers would have spotted another boat, the "Escapade" beached on Camber Sands soon after new years day

just to the east of the harbour entrance.

The owner had navigated from Eastbourne and had "Lost his way" ending on Camber Sands. The vessel dried out causing some damage and was eventually towed off the following day by the pilot cutter.

New "Day glow" reflective tapes have been affixed to all outer Channel beacons and to stakes placed in the ground of the Eastern side of this channel. This should help navigators to travel from the sea to Rye Harbour at night.

That well-known fisherman, Stan Pepper, has now retired from active fishing. His vessel, the "Royella" has been de-commissioned from fishing and is to be broken up at the yard of Derrick Phillips.

That other well-known Rye Harbour vessel "Holy Mackerel" berthed adjacent to the "William" has been sold out of Rye. I believe the sale price was in the region of £6,000.

Date for your Diary.

This year Lions "Raft Race" is to be held on Sunday 25th August (High Water 1345hours3.6m)

Carl Baggwell (Harbour Master)

Note From Your Editor
 Are there any adults in Rye Harbour, brave enough to join me in entering this years Rafit Race, to get soaked, flour bombed, have a great time and raise some more money for the Harbour. **Ring me on 227773 IF YOU DARE**

Hire The Village Hall

Hall If you would like to book the Village Hall for a party or some other gathering then visit the web site at: www.ryeharbourvillagehall.co.uk You will be able to view hall availability and other information relating to the Village Hall.

The hall can be hired for £3.50 per hour for Village residents and £5 per hour for non-Village residents, commercial bookings and organisations.

If you don't have access to the internet and would like to book the hall, you can phone 01797 223631.

Don't forget, a deposit is needed to guarantee your booking.

General Information

FUN BUS

The Fun Bus will be in Rye Harbour on the following dates:

Tues 12th, February 10.00 am -12.00 pm - Tues 26th, February 10.00 am -12.00 pm

Local Tide Times

FEBRUARY Rye Harbour Approaches

Date	Time	O.D. metres	Time	O.D. metres
1 F	0109	4.1	1330	3.7
2 Sa	0152	4.0	1414	3.5
3 Su	0237	3.7	1503	3.2
4 M	0326	3.5	1556	2.9
5 Tu	0420	3.0	1657	2.5
6 W	0523	2.5	1810	2.1
7 Th	0643	2.2	1933	2.0
8 F	0812	2.2	2048	2.2
9 Sa	0924	2.5	2146	2.6
10 Su	1019	2.9	2233	3.0
11 M	1101	3.1	2312	3.2
12 Tu	1137	3.2	2350	3.5
13 W	—	—	1209	3.2
14 Th	0023	3.5	1239	3.2
15 F	0053	3.5	1306	3.1
16 Sa	0118	3.4	1330	3.0
17 Su	0138	3.2	1350	3.0
18 M	0203	3.2	1416	2.9
19 Tu	0234	3.1	1451	2.6
20 W	0314	2.7	1537	2.5
21 Th	0407	2.5	1642	2.0
22 F	0531	2.0	1840	1.9
23 Sa	0714	2.1	1959	2.1
24 Su	0825	2.5	2100	2.6
25 M	0924	3.0	2154	3.2
26 Tu	1018	3.5	2242	3.6
27 W	1106	3.7	2328	4.0
28 Th	1151	4.0	—	—

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Wednesdays - 2.00pm - 4.00pm

No Appointment Necessary

Rye Partnership Office (Rye)

Mobile Library

The Library van will be parked in Rye Harbour Road every fortnight.

February
Monday 11th



Local Bus Times

Mondays to Saturdays only (excluding Bank Holidays) 325 / 326

Route No.	325	325	325	325	325	325	325	325	325	325
Day Code	325	325	325	325	325	325	325	325	325	325
Notes	A							B		
Freda Gardham School	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1520	...	...
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌	0848	0948	1048	1148	1248	1348	1448	1525	...	1603
Tilling Green	0852	0952	1052	1152	1252	1352	1452	1533	...	1607
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌ arr.	0856	0956	1056	1156	1256	1356	1456	1535	...	1611
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌ dep.	0859	0959	1059	1159	1259	1359	1459	...	...	1614
Rye Harbour	0906	1006	1106	1206	1306	1406	1506	...	...	1621
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌ arr.	0913	1013	1113	1213	1313	1413	1513	...	...	1628
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌ dep.	0914	1014	1114	1214	1314	1414	...	...	...	1629
Rye (Hospital)	0916	1016	1116	1216	1316	1416	...	...	...	1631
Playden (Peace & Plenty)	0917	1017	1117	1217	1317	1417	...	...	...	1632
Houghton Green	0919	1019	1119	1219	1319	1419	...	...	...	1634
Military Road	0921	1021	1121	1221	1321	1421	...	...	...	1637
Kings Avenue	0924	1024	1124	1224	1324	1424	...	...	...	1639
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌ arr.	0926	1026	1126	1226	1326	1426	...	...	...	1644
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌ dep.	0929	1029	1129	1229	1329	1429	...	...	...	1644
Rye Harbour	0936	1036	1136	1236	1336	1436	...	...	...	1651
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌	0943	1043	1143	1243	1343	1443	...	...	...	1658

Explanation of Codes:

A: Additional journey on Schooldays only at 0830 from Cadborough Cliff to Freda Gardham School

B: The 1520 journey operates via Cadborough Cliff at 1530

⊕: Schooldays only

Mondays to Saturdays only

Service No	344	344	347	344	344	344	344	344	325	344	344	344	345
Operator	CO	SES	J&H	CO	CO	CO	RC	SES	SES	SES	SES	RC	RC
Notes	NS	NS	⊕				NS	S	⊕		S	NS	
Freda Gardham School	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1525	...	...	...	...
Tilling Green (Mason Road)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1534	...	...	...	...
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌	...	...	...	0909	1046	1256	1450	1450	1536	1550	1650	1655	1750
Rye (Harbour)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1542	...	...	B	1758
Winchelsea (Bridge End)	...	0755	0755	0916	1053	1303	1457	1457	...	1557	1657	1703	1808
Winchelsea (Beach)	...	0758	0758	0919	1056	1306	1500	1500	...	1600	1700	1706	1811
Winchelsea (Smugglers End)	...	0800	0800	0921	1058	1308	1502	1502	...	1602	1702	1708	1813
Pett Level	...	0803	0805	0925	1102	1312	1506	1506	...	1606	1706	1712	1817
Fairlight Cove (Hotel)	0730	0809	0812	0932	1109	1319	1513	1513	...	1613	1713	1719	1824
Fairlight Glen	0736	0815	0822	0942	1119	1329	1523	1523	...	1623	1723	1729	1834
Ore (Christ Church)	0738	0817	0825	0945	1122	1332	1526	1526	...	1626	1726	1732	1837
Old Town (Boating Lake)	0742	0822	C	0951	1128	1338	1532	1532	...	1732	1738	1843	1843
Hastings (Harold Place)	0746	0824	...	0953	1130	1340	1534	1534	...	1734	1740	1845	1845
Hastings (Rail Station) ⇌	0748	...	...	0955	1132	1342	1536	1536	...	1736	1742	1847	1847
Conquest Hospital (Grounds)	...	...	...	1016A	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Service No	345	345	344	344	344	347	344	344	344	344	344	344	344
Operator	SES	SES	CO	CO	CO	J&H	RC	SES	SES	SES	SES	RC	RC
Notes	⊕	N⊕ H				⊕	NS	S	NS	S	NS	S	NS
Conquest Hospital Grounds	...	...	0907A	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hastings (Rail Station) ⇌	...	...	0926	1136	1346	...	1546	1546	1636	1740	1745	...	...
Hastings (Breeds Place)	...	...	0930	1140	1350	...	1550	1550	1640	1744	1749	...	...
Hastings (Old Town, Cutter)	...	...	0932	1142	1352	C	1552	1552	1642	1746	1751	...	...
Ore (Christ Church)	0739	0739	0939	1149	1359	1535	1559	1559	1649	1753	1756	...	...
Fairlight Glen	0743	0743	0943	1153	1403	1539	1603	1603	1653	1757	1800	...	...
Fairlight Cove (Hotel)	0753	0753	0953	1203	1413	1549	1613	1613	1703	1807	1809	...	...
Pett Level	0801	0801	1000	1210	1420	1556	1620	1620	1710	1814	1816	...	...
Winchelsea (Smugglers End)	0803	0803	1004	1214	1424	1600	1624	1624	1714	1818	1820	...	...
Winchelsea (Beach)	0805	0805	1006	1216	1426	1602	1626	1626	1716	1820	1821	...	...
Winchelsea (Bridge End)	0813	0813	1008	1218	1428	1605	1628	1628	1718	1823	1823	...	...
Rye (Harbour)	0820	0820	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌	0827	0827	1016	1226	1436	...	1636	1636	1726	1830	1830	...	...
Tilling Green (Mason Road)	0832	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Freda Gardham School	0845	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Explanation of Codes: NS: Not Saturdays S: Saturdays Only N+: Not School Days +: School Days Only A: As Local Rider 300 to/from this point
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Icklesham. All stops	9.04 depart
Guestling, Forge	9.08 depart
School	9.11 depart
Winchelsea St Ore	9.15 depart
Pett, Allards	9.20 depart
Chick Hill Bottom	9.28 depart
Fairlight, Turning circle	9.33 depart
Murco Garage	9.35 depart
Smugglers	9.40 depart
Rye Bay Caravan Park	9.45 depart
Winchelsea, Strand Garage	9.50 depart
Rye Harbour	9.55 depart
Rye, Tilling Green	10.00 depart
Rail Station	10.03 depart
Shaftsbury Housing Company	10.07 depart
Peasmarsch, The Maltings	10.12 depart
Jempsons	10.15 arrive

Depart Jempsons at 11.45 to arrive back at 13.15

Saturday Express

Frenchmans Beach, Rye Harbour	10.00 depart
Rye, Tilling Green	10.15 depart
Railway Station	10.20 depart
Top 'o' the Hill	10.25 depart
Peasmarsch, The Maltings	10.40 depart
Jempsons	10.45 arrive

Depart Jempsons at 11.45

HELPLINES



Rother Lifeline Service

I thought it would be a good idea to write to all the Parishes and for the benefit of any new members, introduce myself and tell them about the Service that Rother Lifeline provides.

Winter is always a worrying time for the Elderly living alone or who have dependants that are vulnerable through ill health.

Rother Lifeline is a service offered by Rother Homes, and we provide alarm units, which are connected through BT telephone network. At a touch of a button the customer can talk to a highly trained operator, who is on hand 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

They will be able to give advice or contact a relative, Doctor or the Emergency Service.

Rother Lifeline also have a team of locally based Community Lifeline Officers, who install the phones, and visit clients every 6 months, this is a

P.R. visit and to make sure that the equipment is in good working order.

The Community Lifeline Officers also provide 24 hour backup, and should a problem occur that cannot be sorted by the call centre, a Community Lifeline Officer will attend.

We have already installed our alarm units into some of our parishioners homes, but if you or any other member of the Parish Council know of anyone who may benefit from our service please do not hesitate to contact me,

Jennifer Benson on 01424 776600



Swimming

I am presently trying to arrange a two hour swimming session at Tenterton Leisure Centre on Saturday mornings. Between 11.00am to 1.00pm, including transport to and from Rye Harbour for children aged 11 to 16.

There will be 28 places available at present, and I will need to know how many are interested, the cost all in should not be more than £2.50p, if interested call **Marcus on 227773**. If all goes well I will endeavour to arrange trips for the younger children with a parent, I will also need your requirements, so if interested please call me on the above number.

Youth Page

Animate

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Friday - Open Evening

COME AND VISIT US SOON

Golden Jubilee

Fund raising for the Golden Jubilee is going well, the house to house collection of Main Road, Oyster Creek and Lucas Shadwell way raised a staggering £73.08. The other areas of the Village "Coastguards, Mary Stanford Green, The Point and Tram Road" will be visited during February. The mugs have now been ordered. Don't forget that Crowns (coins) and mugs can be purchased at £5 each. To

guarantee a mug you will need to pay £1 deposit and £5 for the crown. Anyone 16 or younger on 03rd June 2002 may be eligible for a free mug (Terms & Conditions apply, these can be viewed on the Village Hall Web Site at www.ryeharbourvillagehall.co.uk then click on the Terms & Conditions link and then clicking on Mugs & Crowns) or contacting Steve Tollett



FISHING NEWS



ROUND THE BAY FOR MORE

High prices for fish at the end of the month and the first few days of the new year gave things a lift although short lived when the big uns got going in Scotland and France. The scallop season is in full swing now with boats from Folkestone and Whitstable joining in the local fleet, fishing beds off Dungeness point and to the East. Again the weather is playing its part with January seeing some of the strongest S.W. winds of the winter so far and with the small size of the Rye boats the weather is being a very good conservation measure, making some

regulations coming into force this year very harsh. Good scallop fishing all over the area with reports of French boats finding good catches over their side, showing a very healthy stock. A strictly enforced minimum size on the seal laps landed and a good amount of smaller shells which are returned, give hope for this fishery but as always it's not all good news. The netters have had a hard start to the year with the weather and tides not being very kind and the boats finding the fish very scarce. Most of these vessels are only fitted out for this mode of fishing so limiting the options to change over.

Anyone who has seen the

Royela going to and fro in the last 25 years, unfortunately will not see it again. The best kept and best looking traditional fishing boat in the fleet is being de-commissioned. Meaning she will be broken up after 40 years of good service.

This is another rule which is too hard with these classic boats having to be destroyed instead of retiring and spending more good times out off fishing, but still sailing around the coast's in a pleasure capacity.

So a sad goodbye to the Royela, but none of us know what's around the corner.

Boy Ashore

Rye Harbour Youth Action Group

Hello again everyone,

As yet we are still waiting to hear about our funding for the youth group. We will inform you as soon as we have any news. You should all have had a leaflet to fill in about a summer scheme for the holidays, please could you fill them in, as we need to know how many children would use it and what you the parent/guardian would be prepared to pay.

5-10 years would be at the harbour and

11-16 years would be at Animate in Rye.

Transport would be provided so long as we have sufficient numbers.

Also we are thinking of holding a craft group of some description, combining the young with the more experienced older generation, hopefully this will be happening around Easter, we will keep you posted.

Julie Cleary

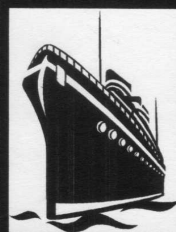


Rye Harbour Lifeboat Report

Since my last report we have had two calls. The first, early in December resulted in the Lifeboat being asked to standby ready to launch, when a young boy reported to the Police that his friend was drowning at Camber Sands. This information was relayed to the Coastguard who requested the Lifeboat to standby. After a twenty minute search by Police it was assessed that the call was a

hoax and the Lifeboat was stood down. On the 18th of December the Lifeboat launched to the assistance of a local fishing boat five and a half miles south of the Harbour. The casualty had lost his propeller and needed a tow back into port. That's about it for January apart from wishing you all a belated Happy New Year from all at the Lifeboat Station.

R. Tollett




The Fish Shop

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor

The recent list of nicknames in the newsletter set me thinking and I have dredged up a few more, from the Harbour. I have recalled from one family Tabby, which I think was mentioned and also Flah-Cat (Half-Cat) and Saar-Puss (Sour-Puss).

Another family provides Moky, Noaby and Chorley. Two brothers were Thunder and Lightening, other individuals were Snaggy, Cod and Sheep-Dog. A former shopkeeper was Hail Smiling Mom.

Around the river, along the shore defences and golf course were:- Bullock Robinson, Shanghai- Gibbs, Mole-Skin-Joe, Monkey, Weasel, Pum, Chicken-Lard and Press-On, who was a charge hand on the River Board and used the phrase to encourage the gang to work.

Local families were classified as The Nipper Hickmans or The Bowie Hickmans and mothers branch of a large family were The Winkles Beechings.

Incidentally my paternal Grandfather was John Sharpey Saunders and was Christened such and the name is still being used some 135 years after his Baptism. I stand corrected, but my understanding always was that the Monkey Island was the Eastern End of the allotments where Grandfather had his orchard and the area previously mentioned, over by the Wharf was known as the Brick-Hill.

Keep up the good work, there are many stories of the Old Rye Harbour to be told.

Yours Graham Saunders

Dear Editor

A Walk By The Graveside

Cemeteries over recent years, have been, in a way, glamorised by television and films. Although I think you'll find youngsters and adults have always been drawn to such places at some time or another in their lives, by the mystique, the peace, the quite and solitude.

There are lots of different reasons, why lots of different people are drawn to cemeteries. They are full of human beings in their final resting place, full of love and mixed emotions, people coming to terms with their grief at the loss of a loved one, dear to their hearts, anger at why did it happen to them, fear of the unknown, full of different beliefs of what or where these people have, or will pass onto. Nobody knows for sure. only those that have passed on and remain there, know that answer. So if you happen to be passing through for any of these reasons, or for any other reason, please spare a thought and some respect for the deceased and their relatives whose thoughts and feelings may not be the same as yours. Remember it could be you there at anytime, or sometime in the future, so give now, the respect that you might appreciate one day yourself.

Yours Sincerely

Name & Address Supplied



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor

As a resident of Rye Harbour, I have found life here can be good, people helping each other out, looking out for one another, it's a far cry from anywhere else I have lived, where people don't even know their next door neighbours, God forbid if an emergency was to happen.

It does take time for people to get to know one another, which I feel personally, worth both persevering and preserving.

So when I hear that in this small community of ours, that some would have the Village split in two, it does make my blood run cold. I cannot for the life of me think of any benefits for anyone.

Lessons must surely have been learnt from the past for this Village, of how a village can pull together during good and bad times and the damage that can be caused by the segregation of an already small community with the potential to build.

Does anyone else have any thoughts on this; rumours are rumours, how about some honest opinions, whatever they are, for once.

Name & Address Supplied

Dear Editor

I noticed that there was nothing in the December issue about the Christmas party at the William the Conqueror on the 23 December, I'd just like to say that it was a lovely party and a very enjoyable evening. My sister loved it and I had a good time. The man who came to entertain us was brilliant and we all got presents. Tasha got some colouring pens and a colouring book and I got a video. Thanks Bemie

Lee Cleary

Dear Editor

I have heard rumours that our Village shop has now been purchased, as agreed with Rye Partnership at the last meeting, at the village hall. Correct me if I am mistaken or maybe I've missed a further meeting, but I don't think so, I was under the impression that once the property was acquired by the aforementioned Partnership, that there would, then be further consultation with us, the residents, to decide exactly how we, the residents would like the shop to be managed or run. To my knowledge this has not happened and I have heard that Rye Partnership has gone ahead and appointed a manager.

Is this the way this partnership is planning to continue or are we, the residents going to have a say in our Village and how it's run.

Yours Sincerely

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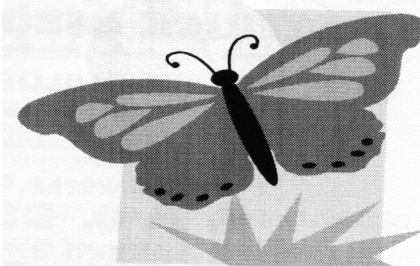
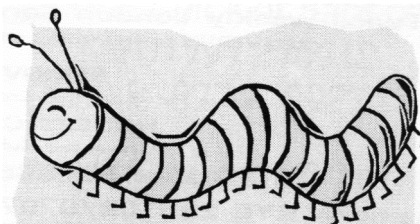


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3. Tear off large pieces of foil (about 30cm) for each child, Lightly grease foil.
4. (adult) scoop a large spoonful of mixture onto each piece of foil.
5. Put a little butter on inside of hands, while mixture is warm (not hot). Mould into desired shape and decorate as desired.



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We've been based down here at Rye Wharf for about 9 months now during which time we've acquired our third bus. All three vehicles have different primary uses. The Community Bus (an LDV) is used by groups that are members of community transport for outings and trips and on 3 days a week it is used by Age Concern to take people to and from their sessions. The Dial-a-Ride scheme uses a 10 seater Transit and is a transport service for those with mobility difficulties. Journeys are arranged for the individual member and

it is used to take people to the shops, to appointments (doctors, dentists, opticians, physics, hairdressers etc), to see friends (Nanny Pat can vouch for that!) and other social activities. The newest bus, a 16 seater Transit, does a School run for children from Northiam who attend Homewood at Tenterden and then becomes the 326 bus in Rye doing a figure of eight linking Cadborough Cliff and Udimore Road with the station and the High Street. In a few months time we will be getting another two

buses, one to operate in the Rye area while the other is for the Battle area. There are operations already planned for both of them but we will have more capacity to help fill the gaps in transport in this area. We are always on the lookout for volunteer drivers (if you got your licence before January 1997 you can drive a 16 seater minibus on a car licence but we do provide training as well) it's quite straightforward and you get to meet terrific people. If you are interested give me a ring 227722
Pat Hughes

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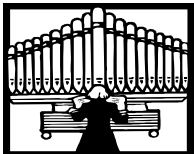
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Rye Harbour Church News

Sunday 2nd February at 6.00pm Rye Dennerly Candle Mass Service with other churches in the district. A most impressive event at

St Mary's.

Sunday 10 February 9.15 am monthly Eucharist at Rye Harbour Church.

Ash Wednesday this year falls on February 13th. There will be a service at St Marys, see February Fixtures for details on times.

We hope that there will be a lenton study group in Rye Harbour, similar to last years successful one. Details will be advertised and on the notice board.

Monday Luncheon Club

Sylvia Alford had another one of her ploughman's luncheons on January 14th.

There were more friends than ever down from Rye this time and everyone had



a very enjoyable get together.

Sylvia would like people to J know that the next luncheon will be held on the 11th February at Midday. Nanny Pat

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- Easter Egg Hunt
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Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group



A brand new year for our group and another new toddler joins us.

Some of us had a relaxing Christmas holiday because of the usual coughs, colds etc. But we are back with vigour and have already made plans for an Easter outing to "Farm World" at Beckly on the 20th March to include an Easter egg hunt, feeding lambs and piglets and a tractor ride.

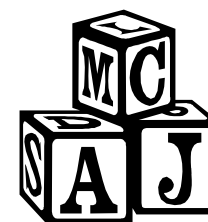
We had a visit from Gwyn Roberts of

HCAT on Wednesday who talked with parents about adult education; also we would like to thank her for her kind donation to our group.

Don't forget new faces are always welcome, come and join us for a hot drink and biscuits and a pleasant relaxed atmosphere for you and your toddler.

Karen Whitaker

See page 16 for recipe for Play Dough.



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Family Announcements

Congratulations

Welcome to Samuel Jeffrey, the little son of Elaine and Dean, we are looking forward to seeing them both when they come out of hospital.

Joyce and I once again took part in the Rye Players production of Cinderella. We were billed as simple villagers, which my family tells me was perfect casting. We really enjoyed working with all those nice boys and girls; the high light of the evening for me was the ballroom scene, dancing with Tony who is six feet four inches tall!

Kath Carder is back home again in Oyster Creek, welcome back Kath, looking forward to seeing you out and about again.

There have been many requests to pay tribute to Margaret, our post lady. She comes down the village every day in all weathers and the best part is she is always smiling. She will take prescriptions to the surgery and pick up medication if needed; we consider our village very lucky to have such a cheerful, good-natured, helpful lady. She even delivered local Christmas cards for people who found it difficult to get around.



Hospital

We visited Ann Chapman while she was in hospital, both in Hastings and Rye; we had to eat her Cadbury's Roses, because when we went, she didn't have any grapes!

Ann Chapman and family would like to thank all the kind friends and neighbours for their get-well cards and visits to both hospitals during her recent illness.



Eve Robus is home again after being in hospital, we are glad she is better and no doubt Chippy is too!

Reports were written By Nanny Pat



Family Announcements

BIRTHDAYS



A very happy 2nd birthday to Neve Whitaker on the 11th January, with all our love Mummy, Daddy, Jenny and Carl, Ashley, Tara and Conner, Dawn, Matt and baby Samantha, James and Laura, Auite Marjorie and Uncle Harry xxxx

Don't forget to keep sending me details of your Birthday's

Photos are returned

Moving

Maureen Higgs has moved to Rye and we are sorry to see her go. We all hope that she will be happy in her new home and that Jed soon settles down too.

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